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Letter from Mary A. Livermore, Melrose,
Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, Boston,
Massachusetts, 1882 November 3

Mary A. Livermore

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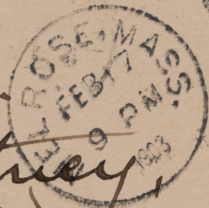
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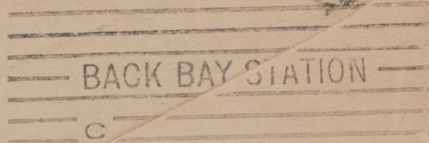
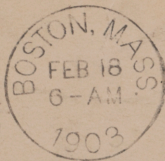
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[Livermore]
Mr. H. Livermore

Anne Whitney,
The Charlesgate,
Boston.





Trust, thinks probable, she
is your guest, can you con-
sult her, and tell me the
result.

Mrs. Dunn dropped into
my home, and remained a
fortnight. She has been
for a week with Lucy Stone.
I had never seen the lady, but
once, and then for half an
hour, accidentally, in the West.
So, I hesitate to send her to
anybody, fearing she may af-
fect other people, as she has
Lucy and me. And she is
on the staff of an Indianapolis paper
and writes weekly letters of personal
gossip, which she picks up, after
the usual fashion of the day.

[MAL to MWC about
Mrs. Dunn]

Nov. 3, 1842.
Chapman,
You will remem-
ber my speaking to you of a
lady in Indianapolis, who
proposed writing the early
history of eminent women of
the present. Or, rather, the
history of their childhood.
Well, the woman is in Bos-
ton, and is haunting everybody
for details. She has asked
me for a letter of introduc-
tion to Miss Whitney, but I

Pleas let me
hear from you,
as soon as con-
venient. I mean
we will have to
miss Miss Whitney,
and will miss her
very sincerely.
Yours
Davenport

declined, and gave her only
her address. She tells me she
fails to find Miss Whitney
at home, and entreats me to
put her on the track of some
one who will give her the
facts she seeks.

She will certainly publish
such a "History of the Child-
hood of Eminent Women," as
she proposes. The publisher is
secured, and the book is ^{to be} il-
lustrated, and Miss Whitney
cannot escape impalement
therein. Since she will write
her up, had it Mrs. Dunn,

the authoress, better be furnished
with facts, that are facts, by
Miss Whitney, or her friends?
Lucy Stone, Maria Mitchell,
Mrs. Howe, Louisa Alcott, Mrs.
Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others
myself included, have either given
her material facts for her use,
or sent her to friends, who are
reliable. I thought I would
not torment Miss Whitney
with this matter, but would
drop you a line, ~~in the next~~
~~box~~. What do you advise?
Could you speak for Miss
Whitney - or if, as Marcia